

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Steven Abrahamson  
and Tim Kotzian,

Complainants,

vs.

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT  
AND ORDER FOR  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

The St. Louis County School District,  
Independent School District No. 2142,  
Bob Larson, Tom Beaudry, Darrell  
Bjerklie, Gary Rantala, Andrew Larson,  
Chet Larson, and Zelda Bruns, in their  
capacity as School Board members,

Respondents.

**TO: Erick Kaardal, Mohrman & Kaardal, P.A., Minneapolis, MN for Complainants;  
Stephen Knutson and Michelle Kenney, Knutson, Flynn & Deans, P.A., Mendota  
Heights, MN, for Respondents.**

This Fair Campaign Practices complaint matter is awaiting hearing pursuant to the remand from the Minnesota Supreme Court on Complainants' allegations of Chapter 211A violations by the St. Louis County School District and School Board members in connection with a December 2009 school bond referendum special election.<sup>1</sup>

**NOTICE IS NOW GIVEN** that this matter has been assigned to a panel of three Administrative Law Judges for an evidentiary hearing. The assigned Administrative Law Judges are: Manuel J. Cervantes (Presiding Judge), Ann O'Reilly, and Kirsten Tate. The Office of Administrative Hearings is located at 600 North Robert Street, in St. Paul. All mail to the Office should be addressed to: Office of Administrative Hearings, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-06120. The Administrative Law Judges may be reached at 651-361-7900. The Office's fax number is 651-361-7936.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that this matter is scheduled for a telephone scheduling conference to be held by telephone before the Presiding Administrative Law Judge Manuel J. Cervantes at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25, 2013.**

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<sup>1</sup> *Abrahamson, et al., v. The St. Louis County School District, Independent School District No. 2142, et al.*, 819 N.W.2d 129 (Minn. 2012).

The **February 25, 2013**, scheduling conference will be held by “meet me” telephone conference call. At the appointed hour, the parties are directed to:

- (a) Telephone 1-888-742-5095
- (b) Enter the Conference Code: 994-815-2928#

Counsel for the parties are directed to have their calendars available during the telephone prehearing conference.

At the prehearing conference, preliminary matters will be addressed such as identifying the issues to be resolved, the number of potential witnesses and exhibits should the matter proceed to hearing, possible dates for the hearing, and determining whether the matter may be disposed of without an evidentiary hearing.

Any party who needs an accommodation for a disability in order to participate in this hearing process may request one. Examples of reasonable accommodations include wheelchair accessibility, an interpreter, or Braille or large-print materials. If any party requires an interpreter, the Administrative Law Judge must be promptly notified. To arrange an accommodation, contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, MN 55164-0620, or call 651-361-7900 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TDD).

Dated: February 5th 2013

/s/ Raymond R. Krause  
RAYMOND R. KRAUSE  
Chief Administrative Law Judge

cc: Judge Manuel Cervantes  
Judge Ann O'Reilly  
Judge Kirsten Tate  
Diane Nordstrom, Docket Coordinator